COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1628/98

of 20 July 1998

fixing the guide price for wine for the 1998/99 wine year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organisation of the market in wine [1], and in particular Article 27(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [2],

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [3],

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee [4],

Whereas, when the guide prices for the various types of table wine are fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are, in particular, to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community, to assure the availability of supplies and to ensure that supplies reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas, if these objectives are to be achieved, it is of prime importance that the gap between production and demand should not be opened further; whereas, to that end, the guide prices for the 1998/99 wine year should be set at the same levels as the previous year;

Whereas the guide prices, as defined in Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 822/87, must be fixed for each type of table wine representative of Community production,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1998/99 wine year, the guide prices for table wine shall be as follows:

Type of wine	Guide price
R I	ECU 3,828/% vol/hl
R II	ECU 3,828/% vol/hl
R III	ECU 62,15/hl
A I	ECU 3,828/% vol/hl
A II	ECU 82,81/hl
A III	ECU 94,57/hl

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 September 1998.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 1998.

For the Council
The President
W. MOLTERER

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(1) OJ L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1627/98 (see page 8 of this Official Journal).
(2) OJ C 87, 23. 3. 1998, p. 12.
(3) OJ C 210, 6. 7. 1998.
(4) OJ C 214, 10. 7. 1998.